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DECLARATION OF KIRK CONRAD UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 Address to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231	Attorney Docket Confirmation No.
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Dear Sir:

1. I, Kirk Conrad, declare and say I am a co-inventor of the claims of the above-identified patent application. I directed others and personally performed the research leading to the invention disclosed and claimed therein.

2. I have read the Office Action dated November 27, 2002 in this application and understand that the Examiner has rejected pending claims 9-15 on the basis that they are allegedly anticipated by Danielson et al. ((1999) *J. Clin. Invest.* 103:525-533). The Danielson et al. paper names Danielson, Sherwood, and Conrad as authors.

3. I am a co-author of the Danielson et al. paper.

4. I conceived of and reduced to practice the invention disclosed and claimed within this application. Danielson is not an inventor, but was named as a co-author due to technical contribution she provided. Specifically, Danielson executed the majority of the animal experiments that I surgically prepared with chronic instrumentation. Danielson did not contribute inventive input with respect to the invention disclosed and claimed in this application.

5. Sherwood is not an inventor, but was named as a co-author due to his contribution of porcine relaxin used in the experiments described in the Danielson et al. paper. Sherwood did not contribute inventive input with respect to the invention disclosed and claimed in this application.

6. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title XVIII of the United States Code, and that such will false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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